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(SBU) Poloff conveyed points April 2 concerning Russian recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia as independent states and plans to establish bases in these territories (ref. A) to Julian Juarez Cadenas, Deputy Director General for UN-Related Security and Legal Issues at the Foreign Secretariat (SRE). Juarez said that SRE's Russian interlocutors are fully aware that the Government of Mexico (GOM) is not in favor of recognizing these territories such that they no longer raise the issue. He added that the GOM supports the August 12 and September 8 EU-brokered ceasefire agreements between Georgia and Russia.

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